



**Midcoast Public Health Council
Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2023
ZOOM**



Attendance: **Abby van Ham**, Maine CDC; **Al May**, Maine CDC; **Amy Winston**, CEI; **Becca Boulos**, MPHA; **Brooke Pochee-Smith**, Maine DHHS; **Carolyn Bobola**, Penquis; **Catherine Sanders**, MCD Global Health; **Cathy Cole**, LincolnHealth; **Cherie Merrill**, Belfast Soup Kitchen; **Christine Lyman**, Public Health Consultant Brunswick; **Claire Berkowitz**, MMCA; **Connie Putnam**, Penobscot Bay YMCA; **Courtney Vannah**, Oral Health Initiatives, MCD Global Health; **Cristie Barone**, School Public Health Specialist; **Donna Kelley**, Waldo CAP; **Drexell White**, Maine CDC; **Ed Molle**, HealthReach; **Heather Sneff**, LHO; **Jamie Lovely**, KCCHC/Penobscot Bay YMCA; **Jemma Penberthy**, DHHS; **Jessica Wood**, Maine DHHS; **Kate Martin**, MCD Global Health; **Katie Tarbox**, Making Communities Happen/Meals on Wheels; **Kellie Pelletier**, Maine DHHS; **Kelsey Robinson**, Healthy Lincoln County/MCD Global Health; **Lindsey O’Hara**, Maine CDC; **Meghan Richards**, Maine CDC; **Melinda Corey**, Help Me Grow Maine DHHS; **Melissa Fochesato**, Midcoast Hospital Access Health; **Molly Feeney**, KCHC; **Randy Domina**, CtPHA/ARGC/SecBoard; **Rebekah Sousa**, Maine Department of Education; **Sarah Bennett**, Sagadahoc EMA; **Shawn Peterson**, Maine CDC; **Susan Dupler**, Belfast Public Health Nurse; **Tammy Diaz**, Maine Department of Education

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION(S) AND RESOURCES
Welcome/Introductions	Kate led the welcome/introductions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Heather Sneff (LHO) and Lindsey O’Hara (Public Health Educator) 	
Consent Agenda/Council Minutes	These were approved as distributed.	https://annualreport.pbmc.wcgh.org/
Annual Election Slate	Connie motioned to approve new council seats. Seconded and approved. Kate motioned to approve new council members. Seconded and approved. Katie motioned to approve SCC seat. Seconded and approved. Kate motioned to approve alternate SCC seat. Seconded and approved. All new members will receive an orientation packet. Steering committee is always looking for new members! Reach out to Meghan and Drexell if you’re	2023 Election Slate

	interested.	
<p>Help Me Grow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Melinda Corey, Maine DHHS 	<p>Help Me Grow Maine is an initiative to connect Maine families to services and resources that help young children grow up healthy and thriving.</p> <p>Question: Is the program a resource the council can have a part in with the schools, so that the schools can get the families sooner?</p> <p>Answer: one way this is done is if a child is identified, they're younger siblings are already grandfathered into the program</p> <p>Question: Are you coordinating with Headstarts?</p> <p>Answer: Not yet.</p>	<p>Help Me Grow Presentation</p>
<p>Maine Legislative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Becca Boulos, MPHA 	<p>Outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPHA Overview • MPHA Member Sections • Advocacy Work • Resources FMI 	<p>Maine Legislative Update Presentation</p>
<p>Break Out Rooms</p>	<p>Networking and collaborating on DPHIP planning and updates.</p> <p>Access to care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to all school nurses • Next action: increase awareness of prevention resources, maybe a future DCC presentation <p>Mental health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reinforce priorities, address anti-stigma campaign, also want to talk about resiliency. Also want to bring in resiliency network and make sure they are able to do presentations. <p>SDOH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue education goals 	
<p>Wrap Up & Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned.</p>	

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Zoom- March 14, 2023
Next MPHIC Meeting: Zoom- April 11, 2023

